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Power to the People
Inmate

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Prisoner.

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CREDIBILITY GAP

While the front pages of the newspapers report on the progress of the contributions for the Pakistani refugees this little gem is found on the inner pages. "India Now Has Problem of Plenty". It seems that starving India is plagued with too much food. "The biggest problem is shortage of storage space. Another, in the near future is finding new markets for the surplus grains in two to three years."

"But there have been several charges in newspapers and Parliament of tons of wheat rotting in the open. -- (Victoria Daily Times Sept. 7, 1971.)

There is more information on how Capitalism's profit motivation has ravaged the working class of East Pakistan in the July issue of SOCIALIST STANDARD.

COOL-AID

Socialist criticism. "More than twice as many young transients visited Victoria this summer but fewer sought help from the city's welfare department. ...Most young people who came to Victoria this summer stayed at Cool - Aid. During June July and August, Cool - Aid housed 7,178 people.

APOLOGY

This issue of FULCRUM was due at the beginning of August. It's lateness is due to Summer family commitments of the FULCRUM volunteer workers. Perhaps in the future instead of having two three month issues through the Summer it may be advisable to have 5 two month issues with a two month recess in July and August. Socialists like a holiday too.

SENATE — COMMONS

CONSTITUTION

COMMITTEE

Socialists are perhaps often a bit slow to take advantage of some avenues of propaganda readily available to them. In Victoria Comrades Lambie and Tickner certainly could not be so accused when the joint Senate-Commons committee on the Constitution of Canada arrived. Both spoke before the Committee and although they were under considerable pressure they did their best to get across at least a germ of Socialist thought.

For the interest of FULCRUM's readers the two Socialists' remarks are herein reproduced. It might be worthwhile to note that while others were allowed much more time, Chairman MacGuigan, M.P. chose to interrupt Comrade Tickner just as he was about to reach the point of his argument.

The Joint Chairman (Mr. MacGuigan): Next?

Mr. Larry Tickner, Victoria: Monsieur Chairman, mesdames et messieurs, Larry Tickner, 589 Nora Place.

Je parle un peu français, j'ai un accent et je connais mal la grammaire.

I wish this time to dissociate myself from those individuals who are so rude to the representative whose native language is French.

Our friends and neighbours we can perhaps only try to convince. Those around here who behaved so shamefully and who are members of Parliament we can deal with in other ways. Enough of that.

The representative from Saanich mentioned amongst the problems that faced him, and the last speaker mentioned, and everywhere it was costs—the money—and as the last speaker said, where is the money coming from, and he suspected it was available. The welfare costs were mentioned by the representative from Saanich and he said that they were going up. This represents a large number of people who can find no place in the society to which they can sell their energies.

Committees similar to this ten years ago were telling us the program to solve the problem would be education. Now people on the welfare list are there with university degrees, and the fact is that rationalization of industry is tightening up the slack and merely absorbing those

people who are taken by retirement and not absorbing these people's energies.

The potential that exists here for human endeavour is tremendous. All of these people have potential abilities and they are not used; potential ability to reduce the housing problem that is mentioned. Yet if we read the paper we find that there is a surplus of houses unsold. Once again it is a problem of money or a problem of production. The production is here and it is tremendous. There are three pages of houses available in the classified ads in the paper. There is no problem of housing. The number of unemployed carpenters in this town is tremendous. One quarter of the carpenters are approximately up and down unemployed. Combined with that is the potential that there are as many real estate agents in this town as there are carpenters.

The Joint Chairman (Mr. MacGuigan): I am sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Tickner, but your time is up. Could you briefly conclude?

Mr. Tickner: Yes. All the way the problem that is mentioned, even the problem of the Hutterites, who were not allowed to buy land, is reflected in the fact that it was going to hurt the money interests of the people around. I would say that if the money system cannot solve the problem, then we must find another system if money and what people can buy stands in the way, and that it must be pushed aside as no reform will solve it.

Although Comrade Tickner, undoubtedly because of nervousness, neglected to get across the Party's name, he did enter it into the written file.

Comrade Lambie did an even better job.

Mr. James T. Lambie (Member of the Socialist Party of Canada, Victoria, B.C.): Mr. Chairman, it might be pertinent at the present time to examine the meaning of the word "government". If you look it up in the English dictionary, you will find that it means to exercise authority, to control by a sovereign will; in other words, to keep in subjection. Now, who is the government keeping in subjection? They are keeping the people in subjection.

The word "administration", on the other hand, if you look that up, comes from the Latin word *ministro* meaning "to serve". In other words, I would be in favour of administration rather than government over people.

The problems that are afflicting the human race today are worldwide. The problems of trade, commerce, pollution, war, poverty, insecurity, are worldwide problems,

social problems, that will have to be solved on a worldwide social basis. So, the basis of the present system, in which wealth is produced for sale for profit, is outdated. It is like the horse and buggy, it has to go. We need a society today on a worldwide basis in which wealth will be produced for use to meet the needs of the whole human race, and they are quite capable of doing this, ladies and gentlemen.

I think that this is what I would like to see, then. I would like to see administration in the interests of the whole human race and that should be the objective of the people of Canada as well as the people on the other parts of the earth.

Thank you.

Although these Socialists' have no illusions about how much their remarks will affect the Senators and M.P.s, nevertheless there were others there to learn and it was entered into the official record. And it was free.

B E L I E F -- VERSUS REASON

In an attempt to bolster religion, a Rev. J. A. Davidson, columnist in a local daily, does some unreasonable fluctuating in his search for valid supporting arguments.

Initially, in the June 26 title of his column, belief in a supreme being and a life "hereafter" is credited to something superior to, or above reason -- "Belief Needs More Than Reason." (Our emphasis). However, four paragraphs later, he oscillates toward reason-. To quote- "Belief in God in childhood is generally little better than hearsay belief, but as the child grows older, his belief gradually moves beyond the merely hearsay and acquires elements of personal conviction founded in experience" (emphasis ours).

Two paragraphs later, he is back to unreason again "...but I do not think that I can 'prove' my belief in God by logical procedure or scientific method."

A couple of indentations further he seems to compromise between the two - "God is rarely found at the end of a philosophical argument -- although hard reasoning about God can help deepen our faith in him." In other and more fundamental words, once the inhuman pressures of the rat-race have driven one into acceptance of the belief, a little logic thrown in will make the narcotic more palatable. But the acceptance or the need must be the precursor, as the Reverend finalizes -- "Practise and proof always go hand in hand for those who take the venture which is the life of faith." (emphasis ours.)

Dogs or cows do not need religion. But the mentally developed and socially sensitive human animal needs a superficially reasonable and humanitarian escape from what appears to be the baffling inhumanity of a property type of social organization.

"Religious distress is at the same time the expression of real distress and the protest against real distress," as Marx the social scientist suggested. (his emphasis). "Religion is the sign of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, just as it is the spirit of a spiritless situation," continued Marx. "It is the opium of the people." And, "man makes religion -- religion does not make man." Religion is a "...reflex of the real world."

While religion has been a merciful and partial escape from insufferable reality for workers it has also been a brain stultifier in reference to understanding the cruel world that makes this flight necessary. The dominant class in society has continually given its blessing to the blessed superstition that ameliorates the cursed "vale of tears" that is the way of life for the useful majority in capitalist society. Naturally. Since the owning class has a vested interest in keeping the working public docile and politically childish.

Ruling class politics and religion are interlocking pillars of the system. Furthermore the two types of status quo defenders of the faith often overflow into each other's field. As evidenced by the following example.

"SHIFTLESS BUMS"

Sandwiched between two columns of the Reverend Davidson's piece and some church meeting advertisements was a bit of politicking by another reverend. This one from Calgary, Alberta, the new moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, He pontificated -

"I'm completely opposed to measures which seem to encourage some young people in their total refusal to work or to play any significant role in society." "...it is impossible to distinguish between a student unable to find a job, and some shiftless, unwashed bum who has decided to live as an incubus on society." "No one has

the right to travel at another's expense," he said.

He was opposing blanket federal government aid to transient youth, which is alleged to come out of the pockets of the employed via taxes. Social conflict is replete with differences of opinion between one guardian of property (in the means of production and distribution) and another, on now the loot is to be protected, and on how the extraction process is to be perpetuated most efficiently. The highest returns on the invested dollar, you know. But on the question of what constitutes a "shiftless bum", the government and the church would agree. That is, any member of the propertiless class who tries to opt out, to avoid being snared as exploitable material along with the rest of the nine-to-fivers, and who consequently becomes a drain on, rather than a source of the surplus value that accrues to the snare and bondholders of the earth. And they both agree that the legal robbery process that exemplifies extant society must be hidden under the guise of a pro-social put on.

Eventually the victimized majority are going to have to put the accent on reason, and confront social problems with the logic that brought autos, aeroplanes, space travel and other aspects of man's "triumph over nature". This majority might then consciously entertain some thoughts that were previously a void. Like way the political and religious shepherds remain conspicuously silent about the shiftless bums at the top of the social strata -- Such as Howard Hughes and Paul Getty, to name a couple who have not maintained anonymity. Members of a class whose travelling playground is the world. A class which is generally useless today, is an "incubus on society" in terms of production or administration, and whose only "significant role" is as exclusive owner of the means whereby society must live.

Or they might wonder why 10,000 children die from hunger every day in various parts of the world (United Nations figure) while the pile of wheat rotting on the Canadian prairies is referred to as a "surplus" of 2,665.9 million bushels. (Free Press Weekly, June 19, 1971). And everything is normal.

Religious belief is an effect of capitalism. It is incompatible with the reasoning powers that all people have, and that the exploited majority must use to deal effectively with the growing contradictions and increasing problems of these times.

JGJ

THE ROAD TO SOCIAL HEALTH

At the beginning of this century, JACK LONDON made his own personal investigation into the conditions of life prevailing for the masses in London, England...the so-called "Hub" of the "Empire Building" days. His investigation culminated in a masterly, penetrating indictment of the "sweat" shops and slums, portrayed in his "...People of the Abyss"., to this day, an historical documentary. Those conditions took their toll in a widespread Tubercular Consumption of the population;; so that.. in Jack's words...

"Year by year rural England pours in a flood of vigorous young life that perishes by the third generation"... (in italics, G.R.R.)

Thus was Capitalism undermining the health of society in 1902. Today, in 1971, it has evolved from an early merchant capacity to giant socially operated "Plants";, but it is still a gravely sick society with an ever increasing demand for more and larger Hospitals!

This technological age of the system brings in it's wake new forms of ill health

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such as Neurasthenia, Thrombosis, Gastric Ulcers, Mental derangements, Drug addiction etc., which all add up to produce social illness of alarming percentage. So our capitalist ruling class, unable to eliminate the cause of these maladies, (it's own profit motive) seeks a solution in the treatment of disease as practised in Hospitals.

But, can this treatment of Drugs, injections and operations galore, "cure" the effects of a capitalist environment on generations of working class humanity? If this were so, less Hospitals would be needed, not more!!

After a spell in Hospital, where new "wonder" drugs are constantly being nailed to beat the previous "new wonder" drugs, and where many of the "patched up" sellers of labor power are actually used as human "guinea pigs" for testing out new drugs--the "cured" patients are jettisoned back into the environment that produced their ill health in the first place!!

This is the "solution" that the National Health Services of various Governments, look at through their "Rose colored glasses". However, it is the class division in society and the social relations arising from it, that are at the root of the mental and physical degeneration of those who "compete" for beds in Hospitals. This cause is ignored by all except socialists who are working to change this sickness producing society of the profit motive, for a Healthier environment of Socialism.

For those who can afford to pay, Hospitals are also a source of profit and recently a Shipping Line entered the Hospital business because...

"Running a Hospital is just like running a snip or an Hotel with the added incentive that Hospitals are never empty"

(Daily Express, London, 15th Aug. '70.) (my italics.GRR.)

Those who criticize the use of drugs, injections and operations, (such as the Naturopathic school of thought) in the treatment of disease, are treading on the "dangerous ground" of the profits of the large and powerful drug manufacturers and medical associations and are thus branded as "Quacks" and "Food Cranks" etc. Indeed, long ago, Henrik Ibsen brilliantly illustrated this point in his play.. "An Enemy of Society", wherein the medical officer of the Public Baths was branded as the "enemy" and dismissed from his post for exposing the pollution of the Water supply!

Today we see the ludicrous situation of one section of the capitalist class trying to persuade workers to give up smoking, whilst the cigarette manufacturers "persuade" them in the opposite direction (!) with large adverts cunningly illustrated and worded (Hidden persuaders!) about how "the smart set" always smoke their brand etc. ad nauseum.

Whilst the British Medical Journal of 11th Jan. '69 admits the following...quote...

"If a massive campaign against the cigarette met with even modest success it would probably save more lives at present sacrificed to lung cancer, coronary thrombosis and chronic bronchitis than all the curative procedures discussed above". (my italics, GRR.)

BUT-- they remain silent on WHY people do in fact smoke. So, could it be that the nervous tensions of life in a capitalist world, plus the "massive advertising campaigns" of the cigarette manufacturers, combine to drive millions into the "addictive arms" of --- "My Lady Nicotine"..?

Be that as it may, one thing is certain. There is a vicious circle surrounding those

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who accept capitalism as "an eternal Best of all possible world", never to be questioned as the possible cause of our social sickness! Seeking ways out of their "blind alley", they will choose.. "cigarettes-", "over breeding"--"man's aggressive nature", "God's will" or what have you; before they will face the real enemy, capitalism itself. But, make no mistake, the Road to Health is the self same Highway to Socialism and Hospitals are no substitute for that Road.

So we see that it is against capitalism and for Socialism, that any "massive campaign" should be directed. When that day dawns, we can say with Longfellow...

"There'll be no need for Arsenals and Forts...OR SO MANY HOSPITALS, EITHER!"

G. R. Russell

Socialist Party of Great Britain

BOOK REVIEW

AYN RAND GETS EVEN WITH HER ATLAS SHRUGGED

The Capitalist Class Abandon the Working Class.

I seldom afford the time to read fiction but a friend in Los Angeles, who is quite concerned about my Socialist aberrations laid Ayn Rand's novel "Atlas Shrugged" on me and insisted that I read it. Besides my curiosity had already been aroused. Occasionally after addressing a university audience, a student would come on with the "have you read Ayn Rand?" bit. The way they looked at me like a little kid who'd just peed in your crayon box made me pretty sure that this must be another in a long chain of attempted put downs of Socialism.

With over a thousand pages Ayn Rand has plenty of time to attempt a fortress against her enemy. She therefore takes plenty of time before making an outright attack. She begins her foundation with that old fallacy with which Socialist's are all too familiar--the Great Man Theory. Rand builds into her novel some super individualists. One invents a miraculous new alloy, another is a wizard at getting oil out of the ground. Then comes the mysterious man who has invented an unbelievable powerful motor that runs through converted static electricity. Only problem is he keeps it a secret from mankind. Rand goes to great length to emphasize that there is no one else who could do these tasks. Were it not for her metal wizard the new alloy could not be invented or at least would lay dormant for hundreds of years and only one man could invent mythical motor of tremendous power run from the minimal energy of static electricity.

Often the people who make their living from trying to psych writers analyze that fiction writers somehow usually write themselves into the story. If this is true the character Dagny Taggart has got to be a ringer for Ayn Rand. It could also follow that Ayn Rand must be, or at least wishes she could be, quite a broad. In the story Dagny Taggart's brother is a rather inept, useless, titular head of a wonderful railroad which had been hammered out of the wilderness by her rugged father. (Horatio Alger type. Drum roll please. And no vulgar Freudian cracks). Although her brother is the titular head of the railroad he is completely incompetent at anything except government lobbying and is incapable of making a decision. Dagny actually makes the railroad run. In spite of the fact that she is surrounded by incompetents she makes snap decisions and gets engines moving, rail laid etc. etc. Bit of a credibility gap arises when Dagny and a fellow (but lesser) railroad genius run down the track trying to find a workable call box to order a new crew

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for a deserted train instead of just firing up the son of a bitch and driving it the mere 70 miles to the next station. One must not get the impression, however, that Dagny is a mere working machine with her knees fixed not more than two inches apart. Dagny has her lovers. The first is a copper mining giant, again the only one who could effectively run his mines. The second is the inventor of the miraculous alloy. The third is the inventor of the motor of tremendous power that runs off transformed static electricity. (Wow! As the author says we haven't thought of such potential marvels since high school.) There is a fourth who has a lifelong spaniel like desire for her but he is just a nine to five who doesn't do anything spectacular like inventing motors out of hot air so he doesn't get so much as a pat on the ass.

Of course anyone who wishes to look a little further will discover for himself the fallacy of the great man theory. The numerous double discoveries in Science are one testament. An other is the nature of modern capitalism the complexities of which require not one but many brains.

Ironically Socialists will find much to agree with Ayn Rand.--Her sharp criticism of the self denial or religious cant, her expose of the useless beaurocrat and the coniving lobbyist, maneuvering and pandering to entrench their power. Bit by bit the waste and ineptness of these parasites erode society to such an extent that the favoured few, whose inefficient industries are allowed to survive, produce less and less and there is a total breakdown.

After the breakdown the useless beaurocrats attempt to force the bright people to run society for them even to the point of bringing in the military and using torture to attempt to extort the formula for the magic motor. But alas Dagny and her lovers outwit the American Army and take off in a plane to a wonderful valley that is hidden by a magnetic screen. The rest of society looting and dying, lost without their glorious leaders.

It is astounding that enough adults read this crap to warrant its printing.

As to the put down of Socialism--there are enough rephrased Marxian quotations to show that this is intended. To Rand Socialism is synonymous to more Capitalist government and that old straw man State Capitalism. Something to which Socialists themselves are very critical.

Actually when genuine Socialism arrives it is not likely that anyone would be too upset if Ayn Rand and her Capitalist lovers desert us to their wonderful valley. Could be they might be given a Royal send-off. In the meantime if real estate agents, car salesmen or loan sharks are overheard talking about the uselessness of todays' tradesmen, mechanics and engineers etc., do not be alarmed. Do not call a policeman or a psychiatrist. These people have just been reading some of Ayn Rand's writing and are not quick witted enough to see through it.

Larry Tickner

Victoria, B.C.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE MORE EQUALITY THAN OTHERS

Edmonton. An Indian said Tuesday that the color of his skin prejudiced his trial, but the judge replied that Indians generally get lower sentences than others because "we don't expect your standard of conduct to be on the same level," and dismissed the appeal. (Daily Colonist, Jan 13/71.)

GEMS FROM LUNDBERG'S "RICH AND THE SUPER-RICH"

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HANDICAPS IN SOLVING POLLUTION

"...And New York City, financial center of the world, is fittingly held by experts to have the worst pollution problem in the country. True, the rich man can flee the city from time to time and has in his homes and offices the latest air filtration devices; he is not so badly off as the ordinary citizen who must breathe the lethal stuff without interruption. Yet he knows that his staff, to which he is as loyal as it is to him, is caught in the muck. And he knows various projects of interest to him - perhaps a big skyscraper promotion - are qualified in their attractiveness and value.

"Why, then, as he has power, does he not deal with the problem decisively?"

"He is unable to do so, no doubt to his chagrin, because of the very momentum and direction of the system. Although he may publicly deprecate stress on the health issue he understands it as well as anyone. He is, however, caught in the situation as depicted by Theodore B. Merrill, an editor of Business Week, who said in a comprehensive national survey as long ago as 1960 (and in the meantime the problem has become more urgent) that 'Nobody is going to put in any kind of control devices that cost him money unless he has to... It simply has to be unprofitable for an industry to pollute the air or else they are going to pollute it, because it is cheaper to use the air for a sewer than to pay for keeping it clean.' The same holds true of polluting waterways.

"Here, it would seem, Profit is being put before human life and health, a point made endlessly by nasty socialists. And it is not merely profit that is in question but the general standing of an institution, a particular company. Although a rich man may control this company and could instantly make it stop polluting the air, such unilateral action would not solve the pollution problem, to which other companies also contribute. Unless all the companies acted in concert the action of one would have little effect.

"And if all the companies in a particular region agreed to undergo the expense of reducing air pollution their costs would rise and profits fall in relation to companies in less populated regions not burdened with such costs. The inter-company position of the social-minded companies would decline. At this point multitudes of investors, some of them large but not controlling, would perhaps begin selling the stock of the social-minded companies because the relative return was diminishing in comparison with that of unsocial-minded companies.

"Investors, high or low, do not feel sympathetically identified with a company's problems, do not 'forgive' it for making a poorer financial showing in a good cause. They simply analyze the figures and prospects of various companies. Some of these investors live in the bracing air of distant mountain resorts, by the seaside, off on distant healthy pampas. All they know is that as between company A and company B the latter, not burdened with many social-minded expenses, shows an ascending line of profitability and that this is better for them.

"Why not then, it may be asked, make all companies uniformly comply to the maximum with all social-minded regulations, thus putting them on all fours and passing additional costs on in price? Doing this, however, would raise national costs vis-a-vis industries in other countries, which could undersell the Americans. In the world market the lowest-cost producer, everything else being equal, has a profit advantage and most readily attracts new capital most cheaply. And the world market is an area of prime interest to capitalists.

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"It is, then, 'The System,' as socialists have long contended, that gives priority here to its own systemic needs over the larger question of human life and health in specific instances."

"As many scattered stockholders begin selling out of a company with a declining relative level of profitability, the price of the stock, its value, declines, affecting multitudes, jeopardizing bank loans and inducing an endless train of economic troubles. And when it comes to new financing the capital is not readily available, must be obtained along the route of a fixed rate of high interest, itself damaging to profitability, rather than through the issuance of equities. Being unilaterally social-minded, then, is ruinous."

"Although powerful, the rich man, even the grouping of all rich men, is not powerful enough to fly in the face of the requirements of the supporting system. Beyond a certain level they must all take the rough with the smooth as offered by that system, a point that no doubt makes disconsolate the more reflective of them..."

Prepared by W.A. Pritchard

Los Angeles

STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE

Violence is anti-Socialist

"The term 'violence' as applied to action in the Working-class movement, has always signified turbulent activity of one form or another; dynamiting, train wrecking, political assassination, armed uprisings, putting sand in factory machinery, and so on. The Anarchists and Syndicalists were the principal exponents of this form of activity. It was the efforts or minorities to force their views upon the rest of the population by acts that were sensational, and represented the aspirations of peasants, small masters and intellectuals which were brought into the working-class movement. Violence is anti-socialist. It puts force in the place of understanding and makes reasoned discussion impossible. It seeks to impose ideas by force instead of reasoning and the forcible suppression of opposition by the use of physical violence in one form or another, with no freedom to criticize. It also turns a minority movement into a secret conspiracy, breeding the traitor and the agent provocateur."

Once the workers have obtained control of governmental power what then? They will proceed to organize society on a Socialist basis. Now, by necessity, we come to the region of conjecture, but reasonable conjecture. We hold the view that the overwhelming mass of the people, the working-class, will participate, or fall in line with, the process of reorganization. The capitalists, as a whole will realize that the game is up, as they have lost the power of effective resistance. Should there be any attempts in some form of violent sabotage during the period of reorganization it could only be by some relatively small misguided group whose arms would be trifling compared with the power at the disposal of the successful workers. The control of the armed forces during this period will be an effective deterrent to any such violent attempt without these forces having necessarily to be used. However, should a violent minority attempt to obstruct the process of establishing Socialism they would have to be restrained, or dealt with forcibly. This would not constitute violence, but a resistance to violence.

While at full liberty to advocate a return to Capitalism no violent minority could be allowed to obstruct the will of the vast majority. Hence the phrase in the 6th Clause of our Declaration of Principles—"in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into an agent of emancipation."

Statement on violence presented to the 1965 Conference of the Socialist Party of Great Britain.

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Moreover, as even the organizations with so-called "hard politics" were fighting forth non-socialist objectives, only remained for the liberal wing of the ruling class to step in and offer the same things for a lower price: more black people educationally disadvantaged? The ruling class can afford to finance Black Studies programs all across the country. Are women tired of staying home and watching children? The ruling class can support day-care centers and place men in the mass-circulation magazines for their male chauvinism. Are students fed up with being graded the prime steaks? Colleges can shift to the pass/fail system, re-organize the curriculum, abolish some required courses, and reap the added benefit of dumping more teachers on the labor market. Are young people outraged by the war? Nixon can spread his announcement of troop withdrawals over three years and eventually prepare the ground for an all-volunteer army.

the crowds have gotten so way, and the immediate usual, are being co-opted mains?

Only socialism, finally, will get it together which all socialists support in common is to abolish and introduce a class moneyless system of production for use. advocate this as the PLP and SWP members this is their "ultimate" but that first we must have a phase called the "proletariat." Y neo-anarchists differ for achieving the goal, then it ought we can unite on the tactics of the "move all, the historic

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mea forces had got complete control of the whole administration. Further, although East Pakistan every year had a good balance of payments—thanks to its jute and tea exports—most of the foreign exchange earned was used to finance the growing industries of the West, not to mention its soaring demand for imported cars, washing machines and fridges. The country now spends well over 50 per cent of the GNP on defence and has incurred foreign debts of over \$5,000m., which use up 20 per cent of all Pakistan's foreign exchange earnings for debt repayments. Add to all this the fact that there is an annual transfer of resources from East to West of around Rs.250m. and you can understand why the growing movement for autonomy so closely resembles that of a colony bidding for independence. East Pakistan has 84 per cent illiteracy, 28 per cent unemployment, a population density of about 800 per sq. mile, and average peasant holdings of 3 acres with 3 head of cattle/buffaloes, 1 sheep/goat, 4 fowls and about 2.5 acres growing rice (Pakistan Observer, 25 November 1970). Its population is 40 per cent aged under 14 and has an infant and child mortality rate as high as its life expectancy is low. When Yahya Khan came into power in 1968, there was a possibility of civil war due partly to the unruly East Wing which contained

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OBJECT:

The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of society as a whole.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The Companion Parties of Socialism hold:

1. — That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., land, factories, railways, etc.) by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labor alone wealth is produced.
2. — That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce, and those who produce but do not possess.
3. — That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.
4. — That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.
5. — That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.
6. — That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and overthrow of plutocratic privilege.
7. — That as political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interest of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.
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